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DENIAL THAT MEXICO WILL FIRE ON AVIATORS

Train Crew Gets in on Mexican National From Juarez and Encounters No Federals in That Distance, But Hears That Navarro is at Ahumada Repairing The Track and Bringing His Men on a Train—Orozco Moves Camp—Slips Away From His Smelter Camp.

NAVARRO IS NOT AS CLOSE AS 68 MILES TO C. JUAREZ

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Thomas Edwards, American consul of Juarez, reported to the state department yesterday that unless the Mexican forces took the city within a few hours, they will have to give up the attempt, as their position afforded them no means of subsistence.

The revolutionists, the consul added, are fleeing back into the country for shelter. The railroads, he continued, expected to resume traffic within 48 hours.

The management of the international aviators was informed Thursday afternoon that the Mexican officials would fire on the aviators if they crossed the Mexican line in their flights to Mexico. The El Paso committee having the affair in charge at once conferred with Mexican consul Antonio V. Lameli and he said that he did not believe such orders had been issued, but would see.

Consul Lameli told the committee that he would have the matter remedied as soon as possible and that he was sure the orders were issued through a mis-understanding.

Cpl. John L. Clem, chief quartermaster of the department of Texas, at once went to Juarez and saw the Mexican military commander and explained that the aviation exhibition did not have any connection with the present "war fare" on the border, but was merely an exhibition, and Cpl. Tambour, the Juarez commandant, said he had no intention of firing on the flying men.

The information that the aviators would be fired on was delivered to manager Young by John M. Rommings, French vice-consul in El Paso. The information came to him, he says, in an unofficial way.

Fight Occurs Below Juarez

Insurgents advancing on Juarez from the south battled with federal troops east of Juarez Wednesday night and there have been a few small fights south of Juarez along the Mexican National lines.

Sixteen men were wounded in a battle fought Wednesday night on Mexican territory, directly opposite Fort Hancock, 50 miles below El Paso on the Texas side of the river.

The report that the fight took place was sent to Fort Bliss this morning by the officer commanding the troop of cavalry which reached Fort Hancock and threw out pickets this morning. Some of the men wounded in the fight escaped to the Texas side of the river and were taken into custody by the federal troops.

No details of the fighting have been secured, but it is understood, according to official reports, that an official of the department of justice visited the scene of the fight this morning and came back and reported 16 wounded.

A report was received in Juarez this morning that a number of federal guards had been disarmed at Guadalupe, south of that place about forty miles. This is evidently the same fight referred to by the soldiers at Fort Hancock.

Gen. Navarro's Command Located

The report has been persistent since Wednesday evening that Navarro had been met by the insurgents and that he was fighting. One report had it that his train had been dynamited. This was completely disposed of, however, when at 1:15 this afternoon, the Mexican Central work train arrived in Juarez.

The trainmen brought the information that they had been as far south as Laredo, 68 miles south of Juarez, and had made repairs to two bridges, all that had been blown up or burned in that district. They did not see Navarro, but section men reported that he was at Ahumada, 81 miles south of here, still 23 miles south of where the work crew stopped.

These section men said that Navarro had got as far north as Almendra, and had apparently stopped there. This led the train crew to the belief that Navarro is repairing the railroad as he marches north and that he is thus traveling slowly. The section men said he had cavalry in advance and they thought he was bringing infantry in the train.

Two American linemen who went out from Juarez to make repairs to the wires, were stopped by 28 insurgents on Tuesday between Los Medanos, 41 miles south of Juarez, and Candilias, 48 miles down, and were told to return to Juarez. The insurgents followed them to see that they came. These men were picked up by the repair train and came in with it this afternoon.

ADJUTANT GENERAL IS MIFFED

Writes Capt. Edler For Information Which Will Enable Him to Take Proper Notice of the Offense of Calling out Militia.

ASKS FULL REPORT OF THE MATTER

The little joke pulled off on the local militia company last week on the eve of so much excitement in the neighborhood of El Paso in the Mexican republic, has miffed the Adjutant General. Some practical joker could not stand the temptation to excite the local militia by manufacturing a call to arms. This was done in the nature of a fake telegram which was delivered to Capt. Edler in great haste. In the excitement the fact was overlooked that the telegram was on a sending sheet and never was in the hands of the telegrapher, but no matter the Capt. showed his true blue and began immediately to answer the call to arms in the defense of his country. In the course of thirty minutes with the use of phone and otherwise about forty of the company were at the arms ready for action. Then the fact that the telegram was bogus was made known to the Capt. and the big joke was on. It is not known who pulled off the stunt and even the Captain does not take the matter very seriously.

Adjutant General Brooks, however, seeing the account of it in the dispatches has written Capt. Edler asking a full report. In answering to a question of a News reporter Capt. Edler said that the Adjutant wrote him that he had seen the account of the affair in the Albuquerque Journal and that he inferred from the dispatch that his name had been forged to a telegram calling out the militia and ordering it to be held in readiness for service in Mexico, and asked that a full report be made immediately, giving the name of the person sending the telegram and if it was a bona fide telegram, etc. He desired to know whether it was received by an operator in Tucumcari and if so what telegraph company, or whether it originated in Tucumcari, and stated that he intended to proceed legally against the guilty party, and that on receiving the desired information he would issue instructions how to proceed.

Capt. Edler has acted very manly about the matter and it is believed that his explanation will appease the adjutant, as it is not known who wrote the bogus telegram and it is not likely that he is going to make any exposition of his job at this stage of the game. Any way the militia was out and the boys were ready to go to Mexico or anywhere else if necessary, except the members that reported sick, which was only a half dozen.

Men Refuse to Work

The reason for the work train returning from down the Central Thursday was given by the native workmen. These men say they refused to work longer repairing the bridges and track for the passage of Navarro's troops, as they feared the insurrection would fire on them from ambush. When the men refused to work longer, the train was run back to Juarez.

SMALLPOX AT CLAYTON

Reports have been received that there is an outbreak of smallpox at Clayton and the schools have been closed. It is thought that sheep-herders brought the disease into Clayton. Union county has reported vaccination in every school district except three.

DRY FARMER CAMPBELL HAS REPRESENTATIVE IN TUCUMCARI

Is Establishing a Farm at Plainview, Texas, And May Become Interested in Quay County Demonstration Farm.

SENDS MAN OUT TO LOOK OVER IT

Campbell of dry farmer fame, and who is spending his life and means to educate the people of the Southwest on the question of the scientific cultivation of the soil, had a representative here this week to look over Quay county's demonstration farm, which is located three miles east of the city. The young man, Fred Matteson, has been with Mr. Campbell on his experimental farm at Holdridge, Nebraska, and is now en route to Plainview, Texas, where he will be employed on the experimental farm at that place. Mr. Campbell is to meet him at Plainview and they will talk over the advisability and practicality of establishing a branch institution here. It seems to be the opinion of Mr. Campbell and his representative that Quay county is an ideal place for a successful carrying out of his plan of scientific dry farming. And if we should lend our energies to securing the location of a Campbell farm here, the News believes it would be a good stroke of business policy. It might be that we could get him interested in our demonstration farm, as editor Klinefelter calls it, if we so would not only have the organizer of the dry farming plan but an active operating farm in this community. Great good might come of this, and the News believes the chamber of commerce should investigate the matter and get into communication with Mr. Campbell with the view of securing his personal attention to the possibilities of scientific farming in Quay County.

MAN EATS \$10 BILLS; LIKES THEM

Visitor Rolls 'X' Spots' into Pellets; Uses Whiskey as Chaser.

'HERE' TO PIER PONT,' HIS TOAST

The police of Denver are looking for a man who visited various uptown saloons Thursday night and showed his contempt for money by rolling \$10 bills into pellets and washing them down with whiskey, exclaiming, "Money is my favorite dish. I eat \$1,000,000 every morning for breakfast."

The man is said to hail from Chicago. He has been on a protracted spree, police say, and on his tour of Thursday night must have swallowed several hundred dollars.

In each saloon he entered he called all those in the place to drink with him. Then he would order a "high ball." He would then take a bill from a large roll, wrap it into a pellet and with "there's to Pieront Morgan, boys," swallow the money and wash it down with liquor. "I am the only man in the world," he said at one place, "who ever finished a \$10 meal at one gulp."

If arrested he will be prosecuted for the destruction of currency.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my gratitude to the friends who were kind to me and my sister during her illness in your city, and assure you that I haven't the words to express the gratitude I hold for you for the tender attention shown her.

Respectfully,
WILBUR FRANKLIN

ARTESIAN WELLS IN PECOS VALLEY IN GOOD SHAPE

Supervisor's Report Shows 628 Wells Recorded and 35 Equipped With Pumping Plants.

NO DECREASE IN WATER SUPPLY

Roswell, N. M., Feb. 7.—The artesian well owners of Chavez county held their annual meeting at Hagerman yesterday with 125 wells represented. One member of the board of supervisors was to be chosen and T. A. Stancliff, of Lake Arthur, was reelected. The board then elected Byron O. Beall supervisor for another year.

The annual report of the supervisor shows that the artesian wells of the north two-thirds of the artesian district of the Pecos valley, are in fine condition. His report as published in the Roswell Record says:

To, M. C. Flinley, T. A. Stancliff, J. C. Hamilton, Board of Artesian Well Commissioners, Chavez County, New Mexico.

Conformance.—Pursuant to section 29 of the Artesian Well laws I hand you herewith report of the conditions existing in the artesian well district of Chavez County for the fiscal year ending February 5th, 1911. At the present time there are 629 artesian wells developed in this county. Of this number ten are used for domestic purposes, only six are used for mechanical purposes and eighty-five are equipped with pumping plants, while 128 are flowing and being used for irrigation. During the time covered by this report, 87 new wells and two reservoirs have been condemned by me. Of this number seven wells and two reservoirs have been repaired; it being necessary to plug three of the seven wells. This brings the total number of wells condemned and repaired under the present law to twenty-nine.

Artesian well conditions over the district are good and while the average static head of water level, which is indicated by the pressure, is 42 feet lower than average for the winter of 1909 and 1910, I am of the opinion that water conditions for the coming season will be as good if not better than during the season of 1910.

This is due to the fact that many who are located toward the edge of the artesian belt and who are short of water during the summer season, have used up their available winter supply for irrigation during the winter months.

During the past year the amount of water wasted has been greatly reduced over that of past seasons, which is certainly evidence that water users are fast learning the importance of conservation of the water supply and also that less irrigation and more cultivation can be made highly profitable.

As there are a number of changes which can be profitably made in the present Artesian Well law, I would respectfully suggest that there be a committee appointed at this meeting for the purpose of taking up this matter as well as the matter of proper drain age laws.

Other section of the state are contemplating drainage laws and it would be well for the irrigators of this section to take up and consider this matter before the first session of the state legislature. Respectfully submitted,

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ANOTHER RAILROAD WANTS INTO TUCUMCARI

COURT CONVENED, TWO MURDER TRIALS

McNabb and Tapia Cases to Be Heard at Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

Santa Rosa, N. M., Feb. 8.—District court was convened here yesterday by Judge E. R. Wright on the bench. The court officers present are district Attorney H. H. McElroy, clerk Charles P. Davies, steamer Parkers court reporter, Miss Ora Miller, sheriff J. M. Cross, Court Interpreter George Song, law grand jury interpreter, T. Lubodis.

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Rock Island, Texas & Gulf Railway Company President Meets Business Men of Tucumcari and Is Offered Bonus of \$50,000, Right of Way and Terminal.

A FRAUDULENT REPRESENTATIVE IS ARRESTED

PRESIDENT HEALY HAS LEASED OFFICES IN THIS CITY

Faker Trying to Gather Money in the Name of the Children's Home Society of Albuquerque, But Get Pinched.

THE PEOPLE ARE WARNED

Editor Tucumcari News.

Dear Sir and Friend:

We were obliged to have arrested this other day a man who was soliciting money in the name of the Children's Home Society. A number of such have been going over the Territory. They get hold of literature of either the Home or some other, and solicit money which goes into their own pockets.

The Children's Home Society employs no women solicitors. The Rev. W. A. Nichols and the Superintendent are the only ones authorized to receive money for the society.

I would appreciate it if you would call attention to this matter. The honest work here in our Territory demands all our assistance. Other states should care for their own, as New Mexico is doing.

Thinking now in advance for kindness shown, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

DR. C. E. LUKENS,

Sopt. Children's Home Society.

VAUGHN MAN IS STRUCK BY A TRAIN AT DURAN

D. R. Grigsby Loses a Foot And Is Otherwise Seriously Injured.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Geo. R. Varney, pastor. Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.; Sunbeam at 3:00; Christian Endeavor at 6:00. "The Vanity of Jesus Christ" will be the object of the morning sermon. In the evening the subject will be "Success." Mr. Varney sent out over 500 letters to prominent business and professional men, asking their opinion on the conditions of success and failure, and will preach a series of four sermons on the basis of their replies. "Failure," "What Have Religion and the Church to do with Success?" and "The Young Men of Tucumcari: What of Their Future?" will be the other subjects. All young men are specially invited to these evening services.

Several interesting engine have recently passed Tucumcari, enroute to oil fields in the north. Some who informed Americans who travel to Tucumcari after the war difficulties are still here.

It is said Mr. Grigsby stopped in front of the approaching train, probably realizing that it was so close upon him.

President Healy says that after right of ways and other incident matters are out of the way on the New Mexico end that work will begin from both Tucumcari and Melrose and that it is his company's desire to get the work underway as soon as possible.

It will not be harmful for the chamber of commerce to get all the